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1. In January 1952, the Tewa Metallweberei Neustadt (Tewa-Neustadt), had a total of 64 looms in operation. Most of them were engaged in the production of nickel screen number 231. Unspecified numbers of them were also engaged in the production of:
 - a. nickel screen number 300
 - b. phosphor-bronze screen number 270 (English-inch system)
 - c. phosphor-bronze screen number 270 (French-inch system).
- One loom was engaged in the production of perlon mesh to be used as parachute material. Perlon mesh production had begun in December 1951.
2. Production of phosphor-bronze screen at Tewa-Neustadt will be discontinued as soon as the wire now on the looms is completed into screen. From then on, the plant will produce fine nickel wire screen exclusively.
3. Two of an unspecified number of new looms, which the WMW Drahtwebstuhlbau Neustadt (formerly Emil Jaeger) delivered to Tewa-Neustadt a short time ago, are in operation. The other looms delivered by Jaeger will be put into operation later.
4. The production plan for fine nickel wire screen in 1952 calls for the operation of a total of 80 looms at Tewa-Neustadt. This figure includes twelve DFL looms obtained from Tewa-Raguhn shortly before the end of 1951 and the looms obtained from Jaeger. It is expected that two DFL looms belonging to Pabst und Kilian, Raguhn, will be transferred to Tewa-Neustadt in the near future.
5. Thirty expert women weavers were sent from Tewa-Raguhn to Neustadt in December 1951 to train Neustadt women in the art of fine weaving. The Raguhn women will stay in Neustadt until April 1952.

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6. In the past, the average number of strokes (Tourenzahl) of a loom at Tewa-Neustadt has been 56 to 58 per minute. The maximum reached while the plant was still privately-owned (by Oskar Eilhauer) was between 60 and 65. The average number of strokes per minute has now been reduced to between 50 and 52. Nevertheless, the average output of screen has not decreased. The average output per loom and per shift has remained about two meters of screen one meter wide, with a maximum of 2.5 meters sometimes reached by expert weavers.

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